reasons therefor. On receipt of the recommendations from the Director based on the above joint reports, orders are being issued in the case of individual schools. It is not possible to say by what time this work will be completed.

**Temple fires.**

101. MR. N. KUMARAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the report submitted by the committee specially appointed to enquire into the cause of temple fires?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: No committee was appointed for the purpose.

**Non-Travancoreans in the Public Service.**

102. MR. K. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (i) Will the Government be pleased to state whether a Cochinite, who is a relation of a member of the Economic Development Board, or any other non-Travancorean, has been appointed in the Account Office in the course of the past one year or thereabouts?

(ii) During the above period, has any non-Travancorean been appointed in the Huzur Office?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (i) No Cochinite has been appointed in the Account Office permanently or for any long acting period in the course of the past one year or thereabouts. It is now learnt that one graduate who was appointed to an acting vacancy for ten days in Chingam, 1098, is a Cochinite.

(ii) The answer is in the negative.

**Allegations about the Incorrect Preparation of Electoral Rolls.**

103. MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the result of the enquiries held on specific allegations regarding the incorrect preparation of electoral rolls?

(*b*) How many such specific allegations are there altogether?

(*c*) Which constituencies are they about?

(*d*) Who are the officers conducting the enquiries?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table all the papers connected with these enquiries?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) to (*d*) There have been only two cases of specific allegations. Those allegations relate respectively to the omission of the name of Mr. C. P. Thomas from the electoral list of the Kottayam taluk and certain irregularities on the part of Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai, Acting Tahsildar of Tiruvalla, in the preparation of the electoral roll of that taluk. The Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam, is conducting the necessary enquiry in regard to the first of these allegations and his final report has not been received. In regard to the second, an enquiry was conducted by the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon. His report has been received and it is now under the consideration of Government.



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[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(*e*) Government do not propose to lay on the table the files connected with these enquiries.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: With respect to part (*e*), may I know what are the reasons for not laying these files on the table?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: That is the decision of Government in regard to such files.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: What are the reasons for it?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: I do not think that arises out of the question put.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: It is for the President to rule whether it arises or not.

PRESIDENT: I think it arises. You may claim notice, if you choose.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: I claim notice.

**Residential Quarters for Judicial Officers.**

104 MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the difficulties which judicial officers who are transferred from place to place are undergoing for want of suitable residential quarters?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

**Prosecution of Government Cases by Private Vakils.**

105. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to entrust the prosecution of important Police, Excise, Forest and other cases, in which Government are interested, to competent private vakils?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to introduce such a system and give it a fair trial?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative.

**Opening of Midwifery Classes.**

106. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Will the Government be pleased to open half a dozen midwifery classes in important centres so as to increase the number of qualified midwives in rural areas?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The most important part of the teaching in midwifery is its clinical side and at present the only institutions which have a regular ward for the admission and treatment of midwifery cases and where, therefore, clinical material is available for practical instruction are the Victoria Hospital at Quilon, and the Women and Children's Hospital at Trivandrum. There is already a class of pupil-midwives in Quilon, and the opening of a similar class in the Women and Children's Hospital is under consideration.

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